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GRANDFATHER we beseech You,
come and listen. We are but pitiful men,
we are weak and small, we need You.
Give us strength to endure Grandfather,
guide us and lead us, show us our purpose,
Aho

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From The Ninth International
Indian Treaty Conference

The indigenous of this land were instructed to study nature and build their way of life from nature. Commanded to live in harmony with respect rather than to dominate, love rather than hate, and peace rather than war. That is the sacred law of this land, they are natural laws from supreme authority beyond the discretion of human beings. That human beings are the weakest beings in the life cycle and that reason is the dilemma to obtaining the balance of the center of the circle. That the natural order of life is more stable than the temporary limited regulations of human beings. - 4 -

Quoted from ... STATE WIDE

BROTHERS

It was good to see you all that attended the N.A.I.L. meeting and Culture Class, June 4th and 5th. The people that shared their time to be here with us, FLOYD WESTERMAN, YVONNE SWAN, and ROBERT MURRY, ALL said things to us that should help us, all of us, if we think about them. The humor that was with them, and the music was a "gift" that was very good. These people traveled a great distance to be here, and their travel expenses came out of their own pockets, so you can see this was not a selfish thing. They did this because they care about all of us here. I pray that The Great Spirit shields these fine people, and watches over them.

Thank You

DAVID MADERA*

P. S.

If you would like to send a thank you note to YVONNE and FLOYD, the address is...

P. O. Box # 49

Inchelium Wa.

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* FROM THE EDITOR *

- My Brothers, as the new editor of your "The Hunter", newsletter, i feel that i should introduce myself. My name is Phil Koch, i am a Cowlitz Indian of Washington, State. My people are nearly a forgotten people, yet we struggle to survive and be reconized, as we know more, and more, of our Brothers do each day, against the genocidal attack launched against the Native American People by Whites centuries ago.

It is of concern * to me that "we" here within the prison, continue to be active in Indian Affairs, "within and outside" the prison. Things seem to have slowed down a bit and maybe become confused a little, since our Open-House and Four Seasons conferance and ceremony. So i am asking that you attend the N.A.I.L. meetings and Culture Classes. Your input and participation is the strength, and momentum, of the N.A.I.L. organization. Also you Brothers on the "outside" are of great importance to us here at M.S.P., and we apreciate your support and contributions that come

-From The Editor-
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in many ways and forms. Thank You.

It seems I've said enough, but i'd like to add that we here at The Hunter now are inexperienced and ask that you bear with us until we get our feet following one another in a proper and more formal manner.

May "The Creator" be with, and guide, and protect, you all.

Thank You,

-Phil-
Editor*

P.S. THROUGH UNITY WE SHALL OVERCOME!

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WATERFALLS

Water Falls, and Waterfalls,
from time to time
don't we all
lose our hold on the rocks
of the mountians we climb ?
As with the un-written lines
the courses keep changing
As with the brooks and books
erosion takes place
Water Falls, and Waterfalls,
from time to time
don't we all
lose our hold on the rocks

* WATERFALLS *
CONT.

of the mountains we climb ?
As with the rains,
life lifts and decends.
Masterly moving on,
as in a novel, song, or poem,
a creation of ones own.
Water Falls and Waterfalls
from time to time
don't we all
lose our hold on the rocks
of the mountains we climb ?

By Snick
Bollweevil *

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*** N.A.I.L. ***

I'd like to praise the B.O.D. and Staff Members, and Brothers of N.A.I.L. for a fine job of putting together our Open-House so well! It was a good day for all! I know you all struggled hard to do what you could, and it payed off well. I'd like to thank all of the outside Brothers and Sisters who helped by coming and participating too, speakers, dancers, and all. Thank you!

From A Brother ---

"FROM THE SPONCER"

I would like to take this time to say a few words to the Brothers of THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN LEAGUE! To those new members of the organ-zation, my name is FRANK THOMPSON. I have been working in the visiting room since May 1982. I have one quarter Arapaho,Sioux, blood in me from my Mothers side of the family.

While I was growin'up here in Deer Lodge, Iwas raised my Fathers way. The White mans way, even tho' Iwas raised this way, I've always been interested in the Indian way of life. Since I've been sponcering N.A.I.L., I have been slowly learning and under standing the Culture and way of life of the Indian People. It is because of the Brothers here in prison that I have more under-standing of how things were, and should be again!

I ask forgiveness and give thanks to the Brothers of N.A.I.L. for bearing with me during the times I did not understand about things. Also I ask forgiveness for not being here at the times when my job demands other things of me.

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"FROM THE SPONCER"

CONCERNING the Open House, we had a good day that day. I have recieved many good coments about the day, from alot of people. I want to commend N.A.I.L. for making everything fall together. We should thank The Great Spirit for giving us a nice Sunny day for our celebration.

Aho.
* FRANK THOMPSON *

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FROM
* ROLLING
THUNDER *

Mans inner nature is identical with the nature of the universe,

and thus Man learns about his own nature, from Nature herself.

The technological and material-istic path of contemporary Western Society is the most Un-Natural way of life Man has tried. The people of this Society are the farthest removed from the trees,the birds, the insects, the animals,the growing plants,and the weather.

They are therefore the least in touch with their own inner Nature!

"CORRESPONDENCE"

BY DAVID MADERA *

REGINA ST. PIERRE

ROBERT MURRY

KAREN FENTON

Have been invited to the Culture Class for June 19th 1983, I have invited these people because I feel they have something to share with us. Regina St. Pierre is a Colville Indian from Nespeelum Washington.

Robert Murry, is a Cree Indian. He is also a student at the Mont. State University at Bozeman, and a member of The Native American Church.

Karen Fenton, is the director the Native American Studys at the Mont. State University at Bozeman.

Robert Murry and Karen Fenton have also donated three books to the Brothers here in the prison. The names of the books are, SEVEN ARROWS, SEEKER OF VISIONS, AND, LEGACY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN.

I've recieved a letter from Louis Adams, Flathead Res., he cannot attend a Culture Class right now, but will attend our

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Open-House, and speak thereon Culture and Tradition.

I've also recieved a letter from Kay Brisbois, a Spokane Indian, on vidio-cassettes, tapes, Real People Series, on Indian People. They are ½ Hr. tapes, you may have seen a couple of them on " Indians In Progress." I'm trying to find funds to buy the nine cassettes, which will come to $157.50 for all of them. If I succeed in this, they will be shown on the M.S.P. channel #3.

I have also written the six universitys here in Montana in different cities that have Native American Studys, and asked if they would like to attend our Culture Class here and bring films, tapes, or books to share with us, as well as speakers.

I want also to thank Tim Calan, Claire Evens, and FRANK THOMPSON! For sponcering our meetings on June 4th and 5th.

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A MANS WEALTH IS NOT MEASURED BY
WHAT HE REAPS AND HOLDS, but,
BY WHAT HE GIVES AWAY AND SOWS...
WHAT IS MIRRORED?

BY
Snick
Bollweevil*

LEAGAL NOTES

By KERMIT BELGARD

— LEGAL ADVISOR—

I am in the process of recieving a survey of all Native Americans incarcerated.this survey was conducted in order to compare Native American Prisoners crimes with other prisoners crimes.The statics of Native American Prisoners is quite high crime wise in comparison and this an area of concern for Native American Lawyers to curtail in the future...

I'me also recieved a letter from Ms.Vicki Santana,of Browning, who is conducting the required research for establishing Civil Rights action concerning Native Americans being housed in Close 1 as well as the basic problems of other Native Americans housed in other locations of the prison.

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On June 6th,1983, David Madera recieved a letter from Mr. Humphry, Indian Law Clinic,concerning organization of a Unity Meeting with all Tribal Representatives in the State of Montana.This meeting is to be in conjunction with the prison administration, and is to

held here in the prison.At this time the Board of Directors and Spiritual Representative will be able to inquire to the respective Reservations Representatives concerning problems of Native Americans while being incarcerated as well as for release purposes and problems in that area.

These Represntatives will Specialize in several particular areas of concern, such as Spiritual,Legal, Social,Economic,and Educational needs ect. ect. .

We all hope this meeting will be a success and benificial to all you Brothers who are concerned about their present predicament and future as Human Beings.

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FROM ROLLING THUNDER

Every Being has an identity and a purpose to live up to his purpose,every Being has the "Power of self-control" and that's where Spiritual Power begins.When some of these fundamental things are learned, the time will be right for more to be revealed and Spiritual Power will come again to this land

***THE TRIVIALIZATION of RELIGION*

Several Hopi words have found their way into comman usage, particularly in the Southwest, for example, Kiva, an underground ceremonial chamber, and Kachina, a Spirit that can bring rain, both are found in English dictionaries, and throught New Mexico, and Arizona, one finds such places as the Kachina Motor Lodge, and the Kiva Lounge.

Hopi people, and other Pueblo Tribes who use the same words to describe parts of their Sacred Traditions, look on such usage as profane. they wonder what the effect would be of thier investing in real estate in Flagstaf and erecting there the Jesus Christ Motor Lodge, which would offer such comforting features as the Loaves and Fishes Restaurant, the John The Baptist Bar, and the Mary magdalene Massage Parlor and Sauna, Tennis and squash would be available in the Fields of The Lord. Dancing music would be provided nightly in the Calvary Club. "See what we mean!" Ask any Hopi with a smile.

BY J.F.

MANY NATIONS*

So many have died in battle, We walk on each other anytime we please. Our women and children, mourn in our villages. this has gone on for as long as I remember, for ages.

The ways of our people have been held in the hearts of a few. We must protect our ways from our enemies, or our nations are through.

We, the many nations, must rise upon and meet this challenge. We must go back to our Elders and learn our ways, our languages. We must then go forward and meet our enemies on a modern battlefield, the courtrooms. It must happen as all things happen! Soon!

We the many nations, must survive, as our ancestors have survived before us.

Hold strong, my people, to the unity of the many nations, for The Great Spirit, tells us in our hearts, that the many nations, is but one nation.

"ALL THE NATIONS WILL UNITE
TO BECOME ONE NATION"

(I BELIEVE THIS!)

-THE HOLIDAY INDIAN-

Pack yer bags boys, we're catchin'.plane fer Denver, Tuscon, or Bangor Main. Git yer Per Diem 'cause we gotta have cash! We're holdin' a meetin' on the Great White Backlash! Call Frontier, Western, and Hertz Rent-A-Car. Be sure that the hotel has a good bar. Git in the car or we'll miss the last flight. We're dancin' the boogie in Denver tonight! Why are we goin'? Oh, who the hell cares! It's got somethin' to do with Indian Affairs! So call the secretaries, we'll take the whole pack! We'll decide why they went... when we git back! Oh say, did ya hear? Some low-life back-biters, some sneaky back-stabbin', rumor-inciters, are sayin' our trips are just poor excuses for boozin' and dancin' and other abuses! Well, damn them to hell, the low-life sons of witches! They're whinners, complainers, and back-stabbin' snitches. We're ruinin' our health by stayin' up all night,workin' and strugglin' for Indian Rights! I'm neglectin' my wife and sweet little tots, and the Coors and

CONT.

Cold Ducks just give me the trots, and the Per Diem we're gittin' ain't no big deal,since most of the time it won't even pay the bar bill!!! Well let's fergit our troubles in this thankless job, and them people that say we got a license to rob. We'll boogie and dance...maybe take in some of the sights as we travel United fer our Indian Rights!!!

Author Unknown

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FROM
ROLLING
THUNDER*

If someone has a destructive thought or will, it has to have an effect on someone. if it doesn't work on someone else, it works on the Person who created it.

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NATIVE AMERICAN

IS

A sense of being, belonging, knowing what you are, having something to live for, strive for, knowing where you're going in the future...

From
Gus

From
A BROTHER*

One night I sat there in the stillness of the dark, and I thought I heard the distant sound of drums, so I sat there real quiet and listend. I could hear them singing songs of the happy days, children laughing, and playing, the old ones were dancing and having a good time,, right then and there it brought back alot of memories of the happy days of my Grandparents. Now as I sit here in the loneliness of the cold, cold, nights, it pains me alot because of what I went through and the life that I'm living now, it's a lonesome life because I long to see my loved ones,,,one day. Some are gone now to the Happy Hunting Grounds, while others wait for my return, soon my people, soon I shall be home. My heart is heavy with sadness, but when I hear those drums, I'm happy, because I know that the old ones are watching over us, and praying for us. I have prayed to The Great Spirit many a night to lead me on the path of true obedience, courage, patience and hope to know that The Great

From
A BROTHER* *CONT.-

Spirit will answer my prayers.

Perhaps one night while you're sitting there you'll hear the distant sound of drums and that old feeling will creep into your heart, then you will know what the true meaning of the drums meaning to you. For this I thank The Great Spirit, and for answering all my prayers. May He walk with you my Brothers, and watch over you.

THE END **

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-WITH EVERY STEP -

With every step I take
may it be in
harmony with my Mother
The Earth

With every step i take
may my heart sow love to
my Brothers All Mankind

With every step i take
may my Spirit soar with
the stars in the heavens
above and be as one with
my Father The Great Spirit

With every step i take
may my body move with strength
free and clean

-WITH EVERY STEP-
-CONT.-

With every step i take
may my heart, body, mind, and Spirit
be at peace with all

With every step i take
may another walk with me,
gaining wisdom, and serenity...

By
Snick
Bollweevil*

*** FROM A BROTHER ***

I'm Indian, I'm proud! But to you , I'm nothing in your eyes, I'm just one more piece of trash that has no meaning in life. You call me "savage", "stinkin' red skin but, take a good look at yourselves, you're greedy, you take everything thats in sight, you put us in your churches to worship, worship what? You say your God is white because you're white. You're killing your own people off, and yet you call on God for help, everyday He looks down apon you with shame, as I would, because your kind has no respect for life. Your kind doesn't know the word respect or the maening of it!

-** FROM A BROTHER **-
-CONT.-

Every day as I look at you I see noyhing but lost souls. Yes I'm Indian, and proud! I'll always be proud because The Great Spirit watches over His people. We are proud people and have lots of pride in ourselves. Just remember we were here first and will always be here. Like you said, "Custer died for your Sins", he didn't die for the Indians, he died for your sins, because of the shame he put on your race, and because of your recklessness to destroy life as it is! I'm Indian, I'm proud, but my people, I'm a warrior that has been sent out into the wilderness to seek knowledge and truth. I will not fight with my hands, but with words! Upon my return, my people will welcome me with open arms and glad hearts, and have a great celebration. Then and only then will my Spirit be happy. For I have walked a long journey of sorrow, loneliness, fear, unhappiness, and penology. Yes, I'm Indian, I'm proud. How about you? May The Great Spirit watch over you my Brothers... THE END .

***A NOTE ***

I sat at the Culture Class and listened to Gus when he said that there were some Brothers (Spiritual Leaders) that want to come in to have a "Pipe Ceramony. this is good, I know that, "this is good for us," but I also wonder if the Brothers that signed the list to participate in "The Pipe Ceramony" realize what they are doing? I don't want any of you to feel,"that I feel that I'm any better than you, or know more" because I don't think I do! But I do try to live a good life. These "Ceramonys" are "Sacred", and if you are smoking dope, or dealing drugs, or lieing, having bad thoughts,or feelings, being angery, selfish, or bitter, these things can be felt by these "Spiritual People". If you Brothers want to participate in "These Ceramonys" please try to refrane from the things I have mentioned. It can be done with a little effort. I want to thank you Brothers for raeding this.

Thank you!

** DAVE MADERA**

** WISDOM **

Understanding begins with Love and Respect. It begins with respect for The Great Spirit, and The Great Spirit is"the Life that is in all things".

-All the creatures, and the plants, and even the rocks, and the minerals. All things - and I mean all things - have their own purpose; this is what is to be Respected...!

From ROLLING THUNDER*

++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++

— Native American —

* History Is... *

- - - returning to specific points in time, to organize a more durable set of values and principles, in order to continue on in our journey through life in a "Sacred" manner.

From

- GUS -

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" A Mouse can become an Eagle,

Through the giving away of

His fears... "

** FROM THE HUNTER **

WE NEED YOUR IN-PUT !

As our Brothers and Readers, I'd like to express that this is YOUR newsletter! There is Space available for special. interest articles, letters, sports stories, poems, grafic arts, words of wisdom, or almost anything one can write,draw, or photgraph ! So come on and join us, YOUR contributions are Welcomed and apreciated greatly ! Lets all "inside and out", make THE HUNTER the best it can be ! We'll all benefit through Unity, and Sharing of Ourselves !

THANK YOU !

Dear Brothers,

We here at M.S.F. face many problems, and hardships, it is our responsibility to address these,"for ourseleves and our Brothers,"now is the time.I know some are trying, and have made some headway, but there are still Brothers whose living conditions are inadequate and unjust. Our

---LETTER CONT.---

Right to Spiritual Freedoms, enclosed, enclosed in the "Constitution of the United States of America" are still, after years of struggle, denied us. Oh sure we have hope, and faith,and little White promises, but we don't have our Sweat Lodge; or expressed written approval from the administration that we may possess, on ourselves or in our cells,freely, our Medicine Bundles, Sweet Grass, Ceadar, Sage, and other natural elements, that we use in our Traditional Spiritual ways, as do the Whites freely possess thier crosses, Bibles, rosaries, ect..

Also we still face problems with sponcers for our activities, and meetings. We are greatful for those gaurds who give of thier time to help us help ourselves, but pier pressure from the administration curtails more officers from extending thier help. We have to find a solution ! It's a rough road we face.We must be strong and endure,and pray. Each of us must strive to be happy and at peace with our inner -selves,and share Unity,and Brotherhood with all our Brothers here, only then may we find the answers, and be at

—LETTER CONT.—

from Pg.

peace with the world around us.

N.A.I.L. needs your support, and participation, from within the prison, all of you Brothers ! You are the foundation and backbone of this organization. We also need the expressed support, and encouragement, and voice of you outside the prison. We must Unite and help one another help ourselves, and our conditions here.

Thank
You
All
A BROTHER IN SPIRIT*

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DO YOU WANT SOME FREEDOM ?

FREEDOM to express yourselves ?

It costs only the few moments that

it takes to write down

your ideas, articles, or opinions, about nearly any subject. Send them to N.A.I.L c/o THE HUNTER BOX #7 Deer Lodge Mt., or give them to me Phil Koch, editor.

Drawings, and Photo's, are welcomed also.

Thank You,

Phil
EDITOR

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PATHS

Unforgotten paths of Brotherhood
Stretch out bowing
before and beyond us
tangible twisting winding endless
holding within thier bonds
the trust and wisdom
of sharing and bearing ones
[illegible] loneliness ....

By
SNICK
BOLLWEEVIL*

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FROM
KOCHAUSKINS MUSIC*

There is a plain which is
swept by unbroken winds
though existing in my mind
with the dirt of hate and
the grain of love
for my harvesters to find... ... ...

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The GRASS smiles earthy
in the face of the dawn and
the dew births forth rainbows
like diamonds on a field
and the stones sing
of a lullabye from
MOTHER..

"Snick Bollweevil"

Greetings Brothers & Sisters Across The Land:

Once again we, the people are under attack. We must open our eyes and our hearts to become aware of the war which exists here in this so called Democratic country named canada. This day in which we live is such a crucial time. The purification time is now -- it is the time of TRUTH! We the aboriginal peoples of this land have been oppressed for hundreds of years. It is the same struggle and war in which so many of our people have died and been murdered. We are not a radical or militant people. But the time has come for us to take a stand and demand that our rights be returned, so that we can live in harmony with our Mother the Earth in the way that was given to our people.

We as a nation of people will not surrender. Our cries for justice will be heard throughout the land - around the world. We will continue to speak! For our words are words of truth. We do not wish to control, but we demand that we be given the freedom to live our lives in the way which was given to us. No form of government has the right or the power to oppress a nation of people to the extent of not allowing them the right to pray to the Creator in their traditional way.

Reality is - that this right is being denied to Native people in canada. On paper, yes, the government states Freedom of Religion, but the truth is that Brothers and Sisters inside the prisons are being persecuted for demanding spiritual rights. They are thrown into the hole, harrassed and shipped all over the country and yet the public continues to think that being treated unjustly for your beliefs or colour only happens in Russia, the United States, South America and/or anywhere else except canada.

Now is the time to show support for our Brothers and Sisters who are on the front lines of this war, in whatever way we can. Pray for them! Speak out for them! Write letters of support!

We will not be silenced. We will not be bought out by the trinkets they offer us.

We will honour Creation by standing with the natural forces of life!

"EVERYTIME THEY ATTACK ME, I GROW STRONGER."

Gary Butler, P.O.W. Laval Pen., October 16, 1983.

On October 6th, Gary Butler was told that the keeper (warden) of Millhaven wanted to speak with him. He was escorted up front and told that he was being transferred to Laval, Quebec. The reason being that he was under suspicion of conspiracy to escape with the use of explosives and firearms or weapons. The Correctional of Service of Canada calls this action an "involuntary transfer." We, the people, call it "kidnapping."

Gary told the keeper: "I understand why you fear me. It is not because i am physically dangerous, but because i work for the people. It is because i continue to speak out about my spiritual beliefs no matter what you do to me. You are afraid of me because you can not break my spirit, but i pray for you." ....Ever since Dino and me came to canada , you people have denied us the basic human right of Freedom of Religion. First in your court rooms where you would not allow the Sacred Pipe to be present. We can not swear on your bible. When the pipe is there, we speak the truth - but you denied us the right to use what the Creator gave to our people as a way to communicate with him. You denied us our way of life. For this reason we did not present a defense. In your prisons, we have fought for the right to pray with the Pipe, Sweet-grass, Sage and Cedar. We have fought to have Sweatlodge Ceremonies. You did all you could to stop our words of truth. But you can not and that is why you are afraid. "Now you have charged me with suspicion of conspiracy to escape with the use of explosives and firearms or weapons. Reality is that i have escaped before but i have never harmed one person in doing so, including guards. And i have never used outside help which would be necessary to get the articles you accuse me of planning to use.... I intend to take every legal stand i can. I want you to justify your actions and accusations in a court of law. Because you can not. Ever since i was in what you call canada, you people have put me in a higher and higher security rating. For what? What have i done? All i have done is speak the truth."

Gary Butler, John Drummond, Leonard Doust and James Bostic are being held in segregation and are locked in their cells 23 hours a day. The administration has told them that they want them processed into the Special Handling Unit (SHU) within the next three weeks. The SHU is a special unit designed, they say, to change a person's behaviour. In reality, the highest rates of suicide are within this unit. The conditions are totally inhumane.

It is time that we, the people, speak out. We must remember that our ancestors sacrificed so much so that we could live. We must remain strong and continue our struggle to ensure that our unborn generations will have the right to live in harmony with our Mother the Earth, that they will not have to suffer the same injustices that have been inflicted on us. Let us work together in a good way to protect the earth so that our children's children will have fresh streams to swim in. Remember the Creator and pray for guidance and strength!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Write letters and send telegrams demanding that the Government and Correctional Services of Canada justify their actions and accusations in a court of law. Let them know that you strongly beleive that Freedom of Religion applies to Native people inside the prisons (as well as outside) and that you are concerned that their actions against Gary Butler are because of his beliefs -- especially since he has not been convicted of any offense inside the prisons for the past fifteen (15) months.

   Please Act Now!

   Write to: Robert Kaplan
   Solicitor General of Canada
   340 Laurier Avenue, West
   Ottawa, Ontario
   K1P 5K3

   If possible, please send a copies of letters to:
   The Human Rights Commission
   257 Slater Street
   Ottawa, Ontario
   K1P 5H9

   James Lockyer, Attorney of Law
   439 University Avenue
   Suite 1550
   Toronto, Ontario
   M5G 1Y8

2. Write letters to the editor of newspapers on this incident, also ask them to cover this story.

3. Photo-copy this information and pass it on to as many people as you can including relatives, friends, lawyers, your place of work, etc.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME!!

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